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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HELPS EXPAND AND IMPROVE
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Gothenburg, Neb., August 31, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded $66,000 to the Gothenburg Senior Citizens Center for an expansion and improvement project that will accommodate the growth in demand for the center's services. Community Development Block Grant funds of $218,500 along with $24,850 from the Gothenburg Senior Citizens Center will assist in the project.

"We are very grateful for assistance from the USDA Rural Development and the Community Development Block Grant to complete the improvements to the center," stated Angela Barkmeier, director for Gothenburg Senior Citizens Center. "This project will enhance the services available to senior citizens in our community."

"USDA Rural Development funds will help build a 1,580 sq. ft. addition and complete renovations to the present building, helping to accommodate the center's growth in social and cultural activities and in the utilization of their meals program," stated Glen Gatz, community programs specialist for USDA Rural Development. "Additionally, the monies will assist in purchasing needed equipment."

USDA funding derived from USDA Rural Development's Community Facility Direct Loan program. Loan will be 20 years at 4.125 percent interest.

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